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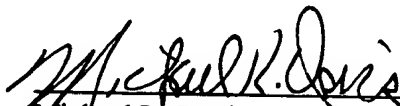
The Office Action mailed September 30, 2002 includes a PTO-1449 form submitted August 29, 2001 in which the Examiner has crossed out the Norwegian reference and checked that it was not accompanied by a translation. However, as indicated in the IDS filed August 29, 2002, the Norwegian reference is cited in a foreign patent office search report in the English language, and the search report was attached to the IDS. This is sufficient to comply with PTO rules concerning submission of foreign language references.

Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the Norwegian reference, and for this purpose, a new PTO-1449 form citing only this reference is attached hereto.

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